

Forming Geoparks in Gondwanan Countries

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For the development and popularization of geological sciences, as well as for the improvement of the welfare of local people and low-income countries, geoparks are very important, and Global Geoparks scheme supported by UNESCO, which started in 2004, among others has the integral part of it. Thus the Global Geopark is considered very appropriate for Gondwanan countries which include many low-income countries of the world.

Since 2004, 94 geoparks from 27 countries were registered in the Global Geoparks Network, however, only 2 geoparks have so far been registered in Gondwanan countries, one from South America and another from Australia (Macadam J., 2013). Gondwanan continents are blessed with the wealth of valuable, amazing and beautiful geosites (e.g., Errami E., 2012; Yoshida et al., 2012a, b; Conway and Mabvuto-Ngwira, 2011), among which those related to the tectonics of Gondwana assembly, existence, and dispersion are considered important to be highlighted. Several such examples from Gondwanan areas including Australia, Africa, South America and South Asia will be shown in the presentation. The authors encourage Gondwanan geoscientists to make effort in forming geoparks in Gondwanan countries.

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